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1. AT SOVIET REQUEST, SC PRESIDENT (IRAQ) HAS SCHEDULED INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON UNEF EXTENSION FOR 4:30 PM, APRIL 4. MORNING AND AFTERNOON OF APRIL 5 STILL SET ASIDE FOR FORMAL, OPEN SC MEETINGS. SOME DELS, INCLUDING FRANCE, ISRAEL, SYRIA, AND POSSIBLY EGYPT, FAVOR CLOSED MEETINGS WITH FORMAL RECORDS TO RENEW MANDATE, BUT THIS DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE PREVAILING SENTIMENT.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH AMB BENNETT APRIL 3, USSR PERMREP MALIK BROUGHT UP PROBLEM OF ISRAELI "DISCRIMINATION" IN SHARPLY CRITICAL TERMS. HE CRITICIZED ISRAEL FOR "RACIST" POLICIES IN DECLINING TO ACCEPT TROOPS OF COUNTRIES WITH WHICH IT HAS NO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. BENNETT CHALLENGED HIM ON RACIST EPITHET, POINTING OUT THAT ISRAELI POSITION WAS BASED ON GROUNDS OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WHICH HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH RACE. MALIK SUGGESTED THAT RESOLUTION EXTENDING UNEF'S MANDATE SHOULD HAVE DEALT WITH PROBLEM OF DISCRIMINATION, BUT IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER HE

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MEANT ACTUALLY TO PROPOSE LANGUAGE REGARDING DISCRIMINATION

FOR INCLUSION IN SC RESOLUTION. NEVERTHELESS, IT SEEMS SAFE TO ASSUME MALIK WILL MAKE AN ISSUE OF THIS, CERTAINLY IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AND POSSIBLY IN FORMAL SC MEETING AS WELL.

3. AMB SCALI DISCUSSED NUMBER OF UNEF ISSUES WITH EGYPTIAN PERMREP MEGUID AT LUNCH APRIL 3. ON "DISCRIMINATION" ISSUE, MEGUID CLEARLY AGREED WITH SOVIET POSITION IN PRINCIPLE, THOUGH HE SSMED TO REGARD QUESTION AS A NUISANCE IMPEDING SMOOOTH RENEWAL OF THE FORCE. (IN THIS REGARD, ISRAELI PERMREP TEKOA HAS INFORMED US INDIRECTLY THAT HE WOULD BE FORCED TO SPEAK IF SOVIETS FORMALLY RAISE DISCRIMINATION ISSUE AT SC MEETING.) MEGUID ALSO TOLD SCALI THAT HE HAD ASKED SYRIANS TO REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO SPEAK IF ISRAEL AND EGYPT REMAIN SILENT. FINALLY, MEGUID SAID THAT EGYPTIANS HAD DISSUADED MALIK FROM PRESSING FOR AN SC MISSION TO VISIT ME IN ORDER TO OVERSEE UNEF OPERATIONS.
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